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Re: Your Correspondence Dated October 15, 2013 to the California Highway Patrol

Mr. Musgrave:

The above correspondence was reviewed on yesterday's date after arriving via e-mail after hours on October 15, 2013.

Your request contains the subject line "Freedom of Information Request" and initial sentence "Pursuant to the California's Sunshine Amendment (Cal. Constitution Art. 1 Section 3(b)). As the Freedom of Information Act is a federal law designed to secure information from federal government agencies, it has no applicability to the California Highway Patrol. The State's Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250 *et seq.*) governs the request for and provision of public information from state agencies and departments. It requires an acknowledgment of receipt within ten days (Government Code Section 6253(c)) and provides for more time under certain circumstances.¹ This response to your inquiry is therefore a timely one.

Your request seeks "*All documents created from January 2005 to the date this request is proceeded related to the agency's use of aerial drones, remotely piloted vehicles (RPVs), remotely piloted aircraft (RPAs), unmanned aerials (UAs), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and/or unmanned aerial systems (UASs)(hereinafter "drones").*"

Your request is further delineated by several "document categories," including acquisition documents; equipment logs; policy documents; training documents; and usage documents.

¹ See Government Code Sections 6253(c)(1), (2), and (3).



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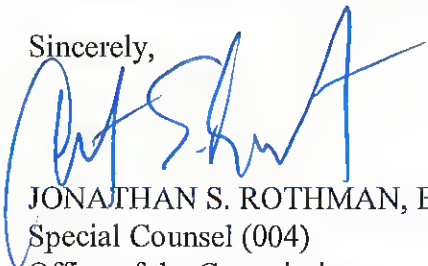
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The California Highway Patrol does not utilize unmanned aerial systems. It has not done so in the past, does not do so in the present, and has no plans to do so in the future.

As such, the Department has no documents that are responsive to your inquiries.

Any questions concerning this correspondence can be submitted to this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Rothman', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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